Motion to pass.

Sri T. CHANNAIAH.—Sir, I move:

"That the Mysore City and Town Municipalities (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956, as passed by the Legislative Council, be passed."

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is:

"That the Mysore City and Town Municipalities (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956, as passed by the Legislative Council, be passed."

The motion was adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now the House will rise and meet at 4 O' Clock.

The House adjourned at Twenty Minutes past Three of the Clock and re-assembled at Four of the Clock.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER in the Chair.]

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Motion to consider (continued.)

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—We shall resume the discussion on the Report of the Public Accounts Committee.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Sir, I have heard with very great attention to the remarks made by the Hon'ble Members while discussing the Report of the Public Accounts Committee. I am one with them in agreeing with their observations that the recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee are meant to be acted upon by the Government. In fact, in our Constitution, a place of great importance is given to the Public Accounts Committee. The Committee have examined the case thoroughly. Generally, the Government have taken action on the recommendation of the Committee. One important point that arose out of the discussion was that due to the paucity of trained accounts in various departments, accounts as compared with the figures in the Accountant General's books did not tally. There is much force in that observation. But the Finance Department has passed an order that whenever any Head of a Department wants the aid of the Accounts staff, the State Accounts Department has to spare the services of trained accountants for such period as is found necessary. The Government also attach great importance to this aspect of the question. We have taken steps to evolve a training scheme for accounts hands in consultation with the Accountant General after studying the position in the new State. I hope we will be able to solve this problem as satisfactorily as possible at a very early date.

Much was said about the tractor service. From quite a long time, we have been receiving a number of complaints that the tractor service has not been functioning as efficiently as is expected. I called the Director of Agriculture just an hour back. I have come to know that the service conditions have very much improved.

Regarding the observation of the Hon'ble Member Sri Srinivasa Iyengar about the huge advance of Rs. 16.92 lakhs to multi-purpose co-operative societies, the Department has already been instructed to make efforts to see that the accounts are settled as early as possible. Regarding arrears in the Food Department, I know the Director of Food Supplies has taken very active steps to see that the objections are met at a very early date so that we may take steps to wind up the Department as soon as possible. I have been watching the report of the progress from month to month and every month the progress shown is satisfactory.

Regarding the accrual of large savings, there were certain reasons as to why those savings accumulated during the year under review. But now Heads of Departments have been clearly instructed to see that they do not ask for more grants than what they reasonably expect to spend during the year in which grants are made by the Legislature. I ag ee that in a proper system of budgeting there should be as far as possible very

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little difference between the budget figures and the actuals and there should be very little room for revised budget. We have taken steps to see that as early as possible this kind of huge disparities between the various figures is brought to an end. The Accountant General has also made this clear.

Regarding the accounting systems in the industrial concerns, I have already explained as to the method we have been following in order to find out the actual working conditions of these various Governmental concerns. As I have already stated there is a separate body constituted for it. It is the duty of the Board to review the accounts once in a month and take steps to see that as far as possible these concerns are run on a profitable basis. I have myself examined the working of these Boards as Chairman of the Board, Bhadravati as well as other industrial concerns. I know that the procedure now followed is quite satisfactory in order to see that the working conditions are kept as efficiently as possible. I therefore feel whatever may be the reasons for the observations of the Committee in the year under review, that steps taken by the concerns themselves are sufficient to know what exactly is their position. Sir, I assure the Hon'ble House that Government also attach equal importance to the observations of the Hon'ble Members of this Committee. I assure them that steps will be taken to see that instructions or guidance given in the report are faithfully carried out by the Government. Perhaps it may be advantageous that Government may be called upon to place a report every time the Session meets as to the action taken on the observations of the Public Accounts Committee. I will examine and see how far it is possible to do so. I once again assure the House that the recommendations of the Committee will be implemented as early as possible.

FINANCE ENQUIRY COMMITTEE REPORT.

Motion to consider.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—the next item on the agenda is discussion on the Finance Enquiry Committee. Report Shall we take it up tomorrow ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Finance).—Sir, there is still time. We can take it up today, because we have a Bill tomorrow.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—I propose, if all the members agree, that we can take up the discussions on the Enquiry Committee Report tomorrow. I am afraid that we will not have sufficient time to go through, nor time for all members to go through the observations.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—At least it can be introduced now. The Hon'ble Minister will introduce the Enquiry Committee Report. Then, if there is time, we can take up the discussion. Today there is an half-an-hour discussion.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—While introducing I would like to make a number of statements. Probably that will faciliate discussions tomorrow. I will introduce the Report today and it may be taken up for discussion tomorrow.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Have you got a Bill tomorrow ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I am told by the Secretary that the Mysore Town Municipalities Bill is over. Today there is still time. I will introduce the Report and make the introductory speech.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS (St. John's Hill).—Are two hours enough, Sir ?

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I want to make a suggestion tomorrow when the Leader of the House is here. Two hours are hardly sufficient. I want to suggest that those who want to take part in the discussions now, let them do so. But I want the same to be deferred for the composite Legislative Assembly which may be